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**(37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b))**  
**and**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Applicant respectfully requests that the above application be amended as follows:

**In the claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A cutting chain comprising a plurality of cutter links with a strap link joining adjacent cutter links forming an endless chain, wherein at least one  
5 cutter link comprises:

a pair of side plates;

a support member bridging the side plates, the support member having an arcuate support surface with a convex outer surface;

at least one cutting member attached onto the arcuate support surface of the support member; and

a drag plate attached to the outer surface of the support member.

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